THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 557.00 crore. So far Rs. 175.18 crore has been released for the purpose. The work had commenced on 10th August, 2007. Various activities of the road and bridge works are in progress.

New shipyard under PPP

2754. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has authorized the Mumbai Port Trust with the help of consultants to identify sites where the new shipyard can come up on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis;

(b) if so, whether any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received by his Ministry for the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and also the details of the consultants roped in for the purpose;

(d) by when the project would be finalised and the civil works would commence; and

(e) the proposed total outlay of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Government of India has nominated Mumbai Port Trust and Ennore Port Limited to function as the Nodal Agencies for setting up of shipyards on the West Coast of India and the East Coast of India respectively. The nodal agencies have been authorized to appoint Consultants with clear terms of reference who *inter alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed Vodarevu in Prakasam District as a suitable site for setting up international size shipyard. The features of the said location are as follows:

* Vodarevu is declared Non Major Port and is situated in Prakasam District at Latitude 15 degrees 48' North 80 degrees 15' East.
* Vodarevu is well connected with the State Highway at a distance of 5 Kilometres and Howrah-Madras main railway line is about 6 Kilometres.
* Due to unique geographical position, it is sheltered port with 5 metres contour at a distance of 300 metres from the shore and 10 metres contour at a distance of 5 Kilometres.
* The required land would be made available free of cost for the purposes of shipyard.

This Ministry has, subsequently, sought certain further details regarding the location from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The Nodal Agencies have been entrusted with the responsibility/job of engaging consultants for preparing, *inter alia*, detailed project reports, documents for request for proposals/qualifications etc. for setting up two international size shipyards. As such, no definite time frame can be set at this stage for finalization of the project and commencement of civil works. The Ministry had projected to the Planning Commission an outlay of Rs. 3000 crores comprising of Gross Budgetary Support from Government and Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR).